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When you sit back and think about the entire global maritime domain, it is clear that we need a broad, cooperative network of maritime nations to assure security in this particular domain.

CHIPS: You mentioned the Navy's ability to dissuade and deter potential adversaries. How does the Navy do this?

Adm. Nathman: The U.S. Navy is optimally poised to positively influence maritime nations. The key to successful dissuasion and deterrence is having the capability and credibility to deliver overwhelming effect if necessary. This really translates into having a highly trained Navy that is visible, forward deployed and ready to carry the fight at short notice.

CHIPS: Can you talk about the current Quadrennial Defense Review?

Adm. Nathman: The Quadrennial Defense Review will address many complex issues, and those entrusted to make the final decisions understand the enormous consequences for the future of our nation. For instance, they realize the necessity to look beyond Iraq. As the clout of some regional powers increases, so does the need for American forces to influence, dissuade, deter and, if necessary, dominate. The QDR itself will provide a roadmap that will help shape the size and capabilities of tomorrow's Navy.

CHIPS: What are your thoughts on building the future fleet including air assets and shore infrastructure?

Adm. Nathman: Today, the Navy faces tremendous challenges in building ships and aircraft that will be both effective and affordable. It is imperative our nation keeps a strong industrial base that can turn out quality products to our Navy.

A key concern continues to be quick advances in technology. It is paramount we find innovative ways to decrease the time it takes to go from design to production and also ways to afford the numbers of ships and aircraft the nation will need for the 21st century. We will also need a deeper understanding of our installations readiness. We have developed a 25-year plan capable of supporting Sea Power 21, the Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy and the Fleet Response Plan.

Photo of Adm. John B. Nathman taken in the Gulf of Mexico Sept. 7, 2005. Adm. Nathman addressed the crew of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). During his visit to Truman, Nathman thanked Sailors for their continuing efforts in providing hurricane relief along the U.S. Gulf Coast. U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Lilliana LeVende. CHIPS

DON IM/IT Sessions

at

AFCEA Transformation TechNet

May 8-10, 2006 in Hampton, Va.

The Department of the Navy Chief Information Officer (DON CIO) will be leading Information Management (IM) and Information Technology (IT) sessions at the AFCEA Transformation TechNet Conference in Hampton, Va. The general conference is scheduled for May 9-10 with DON CIO sessions starting a day earlier on May 8.

Due to the location in fleet concentration areas, the DON CIO has decided to use two conferences — WEST in San Diego and Transformation TechNet in Hampton — as opportunities to communicate DON IT guidance and initiatives through tracks and sessions as part of these conferences.

The DON CIO-led sessions will be open to all attendees and topics to be addressed include: Enterprise Software, Software Asset Management, System Integration Services, the DON IM/IT Workforce, Enterprise Architecture, Data Management, Information Assurance, IT Performance Measurement, Knowledge Management, Telecommunications, Spectrum, Wireless, and guidelines for ordering software using the DON IT Umbrella Program.

Additionally, there will be an IM/IT Community Town Hall meeting with Mr. David Wennergren, DON CIO.

During the conference, the DON CIO will be presenting the second round of the 2006 DON IM/IT Excellence Awards. The first round of the 2006 awards was presented at WEST in San Diego (see the DON CIO column on page 5 for a list of winners). These awards, formerly called the DON eGov Awards, recognize excellence in IM, IT and knowledge sharing among Navy and Marine Corps teams and individuals.

The conference will be held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. There is no cost for government and military personnel for the general conference, but registration is required. The agenda for the DON CIO-led sessions and the DON IM/IT Excellence Award nomination criteria are available on the DON CIO Web site at http://www.doncio.navy.mil/.

The overall conference agenda and registration details for events as required, are available by accessing the AFCEA Transformation TechNet Web site at http://www.afcea.org/events/transformation/.

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